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PATENT 21350YP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Shun-ichi Harada, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/579,605  
Dated Filed: May 17, 2006  
For: RHESUS MONKEY DICKKOPF-1, NUCLEOTIDES ENCODING SAME,  
AND USES THEREOF  
Art Unit: 1647  
Examiner: Daniel C. Gamett  
Customer No.: 000210

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2008, having a shortened statutory period set for reply which ended on January 10, 2009 (a Saturday). In light of the fact that this response is being filed on January 12, 2008, the response is not accompanied by any fees. In the event, however, that an extension of time is deemed to be required, please treat this paper as an authorization under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 the appropriate large entity fee, referencing attorney docket number.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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